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For: **STORAGE DEVICE WITH SUPPORT  
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### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

To overcome the before described considerations and problems inherent in and encountered with prior art storage devices and solutions, there is provided by the subject invention a unique storage device with support carrier that may be used with electrical cords of the type having electrical sockets, receptacles, lights and the like spaced along the electrical cord. The new and novel storage device with support carrier and method provides a convenient and easy way to wrap, protect and store electrical cords of the type having electrical sockets, receptacles, lights and the like spaced along the electrical cord.

Applicant's new and novel storage device with support carrier is constructed with a central elongated cylinder that is rotated about a supported axle by turning an end support means. In the preferred embodiment, the central cylinder is formed with cord end retaining means in the form of two hollow half-spheres fixedly attached to each end of the central cylinder, each of the cord end retaining means having a plurality of cord receiving means formed in the outer perimeter of the half-spheres.

The cord end retaining means bear a plurality of indicia in the form of letters or numerals near each of the plurality of cord receiving means. Thus, the plurality of cord receiving means are consecutively labeled to facilitate the wrapping and unwrapping of several electrical cords having objects spaced apart along the length of the electrical cord.

A cord end retaining means is fixedly attached to each end of the central cylinder at a planar apex of the hollow half-sphere. Thus, the open end of the hollow half sphere is oriented away from the body of the central cylinder. An extension means in the form of an extension cylinder is fixedly attached to the inner surface of each hollow half sphere at the planar apex of each hollow half-sphere.

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A central opening 40 is formed through the planar apex 20 of the cord end retaining means 14. In the Preferred Embodiment the central opening 40 is formed through the planar apex 20 of the cord end retaining means 14 by drilling a hole through the planar apex 20 of the cord end retaining means 14 at the diametrical center of the planar apex 20. Other known methods of forming a central opening may also be used and are considered to be within the spirit and scope of the invention.

Since the cord end retaining means 14 is attached to the central cylinder 12 so that the diametrical center of the cord end retaining means 14 coincides with the central longitudinal axis of the central cylinder 12 as previously described herein, the diametrical center of the central opening 40 automatically coincides with the central longitudinal axis of the central cylinder 12. Thus, the central opening 40 allows the at least one axle 30 to pass through the cord end retaining means 14 into the central cylinder 12 when the at least one axle 30 is removably disposed through the cord end retaining means 14. The at least one axle 30 has been shown in dashed lines in Figure 2 of the drawings for purposes of clarity.

In the Preferred Embodiment, another cord end retaining means 14 shaped as a hollow half-sphere having a planar apex 20, a central opening 40 and having a plurality of cord receiving means 54 formed in the outer perimeter 38 thereof is fixedly attached in the same manner as previously described herein to the opposite end 18 of the elongated central cylinder 12 but is not shown in Figure 2 for purposes of clarity. See generally, Figure 1 of the drawings.

Still referring to Figure 2 of the drawings, there is shown a first end 42 of an extension means 24 fixedly attached to the inner surface 26 of the cord end retaining means 14 at an area on the inner surface 26 of the cord end retaining means 14 that is directly opposite the attachment point of the central cylinder 12 to the planar apex 20 of the cord end retaining means 14. The extension means 24 is attached so that